



ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
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## Parra Notes

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Hello Friends:

I'm very excited to announce my upcoming **Veterans Bus Ride!** For those of you who traveled to Barstow with me in 2003, you know what a great time we had as we visited with other veterans and discussed important legislative issues. I hope you will join me and other Central Valley veterans on **Monday, November 7, 2005**, on a bus trip to the VA Hospital in Fresno.

We will gather at **7:45 a.m.** at **601 24<sup>th</sup> Street (Bakersfield district office)** for coffee and board a bus I've chartered for the trip to Fresno. We will make a stop in **Hanford** to pick up some more folks and then continue on to Fresno. There is plenty of free parking available at either location. During the drive we'll have an opportunity to discuss issues affecting California veterans. Once we arrive we will spend time with our Valley's heroes. After the visit, we'll board the bus back to **Bakersfield**, arriving home at approximately **3:30 p.m.** Further details are still pending so stay tuned to future **Parra Notes**.

The Veterans Affairs Central California Health Care System based in Fresno proudly serves veterans throughout the Central California. The medical center is situated on 18.5 acres and was dedicated in March 1950. The health care system is a 157 bed acute care, general medical, and surgical center with state of the art care in major diagnostic and treatment specializations. Extensive outpatient services are provided in a managed care environment by five Primary Care Teams and numerous specialty care clinics, including women's health. A 60-bed Geriatric and Extended Care Unit provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation care.

Spaces on the bus are limited so I encourage you to R.S.V.P as soon as possible by calling Richard Valle at (559) 585-7170. I look forward to seeing you on **Monday, November 7th**.

### **CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY - Update**

In the first California Partnership for the Central Valley meeting, proposed working groups were established as a means of addressing some of the needs of the Valley. I want to encourage everyone to get involved in these groups to ensure that the concerns you are interested in are addressed. All you have to do is contact my Chief of Staff Cynthia Léon by e-mail at [Cynthia.leon@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Cynthia.leon@asm.ca.gov) and she will make sure that you are added to the working group of your choice. Below is a list of working groups.

- **Economic Development**
- **Higher Education**
- **K-12 Education**
- **Transportation**
- **Land Use, Agriculture and Housing**
- **Air Quality and Environment Protection**
- **Water Quality and Environmental Protection**
- **Health and Human Services**
- **Technology and Advanced Telecommunications**

## **LEGISLATION**

Though the 2005 legislative session is over, business in the Capitol is far from complete. The Governor has until midnight tomorrow to sign or veto the bills before him. As of today, four of my bills are waiting at his desk for review. Below you will find a brief description of those bills.

**AB 437 – Megan’s Law: Conviction/Release Date:** This bill would include the conviction and release dates of sex offenders on the Megan’s Law internet database.

**AB 439 – Sex Offender Registration:** This bill changes registration requirements for sex offenders moving out of state who do not know their next address. It also clarifies that sex offenders who obtain an expungement of their record are still required to register.

**AB 460 – Vet Quarantine:** This bill expands the role of the California State Veterinarian in dealing with outbreaks of infectious diseases among California poultry and livestock.

**AB 649 – Tomato Commission:** This bill allows the California Tomato Commission to establish separate assessment categories for growers and handlers of tomatoes grown within the state and for those grown outside the state.

## **EVENTS**

During our legislative break, I will be attending several meetings and events throughout the district. Below you will find just a few of the public events that I am scheduled to attend in October.

### **October (Tentative)**

- **Tulare Kings Law Enforcement Dinner** – October 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Visalia.
- **Kaiser Team-Up for Wellness Conference** - October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Williams Theatre in Fresno.
- **Rotary Club of Downtown Bakersfield** – October 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bakersfield.
- **Kingsburg Jr. Women’s Club** – October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Kingsburg.
- **Lamont Lions Club Meeting** – October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Lamont.

- **Domestic Violence Stakeholders Meeting** – October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Bakersfield.
- **Kern County Veteran's Services Annual Stand Down** - October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Bakersfield.
- **Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Kings County Kick-Off** – October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Hanford.

#### **WOMEN'S ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

On **October 20<sup>th</sup>**, I will be getting together with members of my Women's Advisory Group at the Hanford Civic Building training room in **Hanford** from **noon to 1:30 p.m.** The Hanford Civic Building is located at 321 N. Douty St. Hanford, CA 93230. For more information please contact Teresa Plascencia at (559) 585-7170 or at [Teresa.Plascencia@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Teresa.Plascencia@asm.ca.gov).

#### **IDENTITY THEFT COMMUNITY FORUM**

On **October 21st**, I will host an Identity Theft Forum at the **Richard Prado Senior Center** in **Bakersfield** from **noon to 1:00 p.m.** I encourage all of you to attend as we will be discussing important information you need to know about protecting yourself from identity theft. The Richard Prado Senior Center is located at 2101 Ridge Rd., Bakersfield, CA 93301. For more information please contact Manuel Barrera at (661) 334-3745 or [Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov).

#### **GUN SAFETY SEMINAR**

On **October 22nd**, I will host a **Gun Safety Seminar** at **Burris Park** in **Kingsburg** from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** We will be discussing important safety tips and new gun laws we should all be familiar with. Free trigger locks will be given out to those who attend. Burris Park is located at 6500 Clinton Ave, Kingsburg, CA 93631. For more information please contact Frank Stiger at (559) 585-7170 or at [Frank.Stiger@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Frank.Stiger@asm.ca.gov).

#### **Health Advisory Group Meeting – OSHPD Town Hall**

As part of a follow-up to a Health Advisory Group meeting we had a few months ago, I will be hosting a Town Hall with the Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHPD) on **November 4<sup>th</sup>** from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the **UC AG Extension** in **Hanford**. This is a very important meeting as we will provide a briefing on how to apply for Hospital Workforce & Community Development Division (HWCDD) programs. The UC AG Extension is located at 680 North Campus Drive, Suite F in Hanford. For more information please contact Frank Stiger at (559) 585-7170 or at [Frank.Stiger@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Frank.Stiger@asm.ca.gov).

#### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

##### **PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT**

Each year thousands of people become victims of identity theft and don't even know it. Identity theft takes place when someone takes some piece of your personal information and uses it without your knowledge or consent. Below are just a few of the tips you can follow to help lower your risk of being victimized.

1. **Protect your Social Security Number** – Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet.

2. **Shred important documents instead of throwing them away** – Shred documents with your personal information.
3. **Check your credit reports for free** – Be sure to monitor your credit history. You receive one free credit report per year from each of the three credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union. Order your free credit reports by phone, toll-free, at 877-322-8228 or online at [www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp](http://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp).
4. **Stop pre-approved credit offers** - Pre-approved credit card offers make a tempting target for identity thieves who steal your mail. Have your name removed from credit bureau marketing lists by calling 888-5OPTOUT (888-567-8688).

#### **'ICE' IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES**

Give emergency personnel another tool in providing you with the necessary medical services by using **'ICE'**. It only takes a minute. All you have to do is enter the acronym **'ICE'** with a name and phone number into your cell phone's address book of the individuals you would like to be contacted in case of an emergency.

#### **INTERNS WANTED**

I am accepting applications for the fall internship program in my **Hanford, Bakersfield and Sacramento** offices. Candidates should be residents of the 30th Assembly District, possess solid research and communication skills, have a strong interest in public policy, and political issues facing the Central Valley. Applications can be found by going to:  
<http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a30>.

For Hanford office internships contact **Matt Rogers** at **(559) 585-7170** or by e-mail at [Matt.Rogers@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Matt.Rogers@asm.ca.gov).

For Bakersfield office internships contact **Manuel Barrera** at **(661) 334-3745** or by e-mail at [Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Manuel.Barrera@asm.ca.gov).

For Sacramento office internships contact **Michael Tamariz** at **(916) 319-2030** or by e-mail at [Michael.Tamariz@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Tamariz@asm.ca.gov).

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